

# CSWC Operational Period Summary

## 0600 March 17 2015 to 1800 March 17 2015



Contra Loma Regional Park, near Antioch, Contra Costa County on 03/03/15.

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Note: [Report changes/updates are in blue](#)



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# **SITUATION SUMMARY**

## **Tahoe Basin prescribed fire operations continue**

Tahoe Douglas Fire Protection District and the U.S. Forest Service may conduct prescribed fire operations around the Tahoe Basin next week, beginning Monday, March 16, 2015, weather permitting. Operations may take place southwest of Meeks Bay, on Gardner Mountain near South Tahoe High School and off Gardner Street, Luther Pass near Grass Lake, Ski Run Boulevard near Heavenly, Edgewood Canyon on lower Kingsbury Grade and near Logan Creek Drive on the East Shore. Operations may last through the next several weeks as conditions allow.

Fall and winter bring cooler temperatures and precipitation, which favor prescribed burning. Each operation follows a prescribed fire burn plan, which considers temperature, humidity, wind, moisture of the vegetation, and conditions for the dispersal of smoke. This information is used to decide when and where to burn. The Tahoe Fire and Fuels Team (TFFT) gives as much advance notice as possible before burning, but some operations may be conducted on short notice.

Smoke from prescribed fire operations is normal and may continue for several days after an ignition depending on the project size. Agencies coordinate with state and local county air pollution control districts and monitors weather conditions closely prior to prescribed fire ignition. They wait for favorable conditions that will carry smoke up and out of the Basin. Crews also conduct test burns before igniting a larger area, to verify how effectively fuels are consumed how smoke will travel.

Tahoe Basin prescribed fire operations continue (TFFT) press release is attached to the report.

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## **Water shortage – Weitchpec, Yurok and Hoopa Valley Indian Reservations**

- A report over the weekend indicated that a family on the Hoopa Valley reservation, near the Yurok tribal boundary and the small village of Weitchpec, have run out of water.
- A conference call was held with Yurok, Hoopa, Cal OES, Indian Health Services, Region IX EPA, Region IX FEMA, California Waterboards. No definitive permanent solution and funding source was identified, but the immediate needs of the families impacted were addressed by arranging for the American Red Cross to deliver bottled water at the request of the Hoopa tribe.
- Humboldt OES, Hoopa, and Yurok will coordinate with the family to deliver water for water tank.
- The Cal OES North Coast ESC will conduct a site visit to gain further situation awareness regarding the family, neighbors which may be affected, and potential to connect to a larger water system.

## **Weather of Concern**

- No significant Weather Watches or Warnings are in effect.

**Active Weather Warnings, Watches and Advisories by County:** [http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sto/brief/www\\_bc\\_cal.php](http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sto/brief/www_bc_cal.php)

## **Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought**

- SOC / Inland REOC remains activated in support of 2014 Drought

# WEATHER

## WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

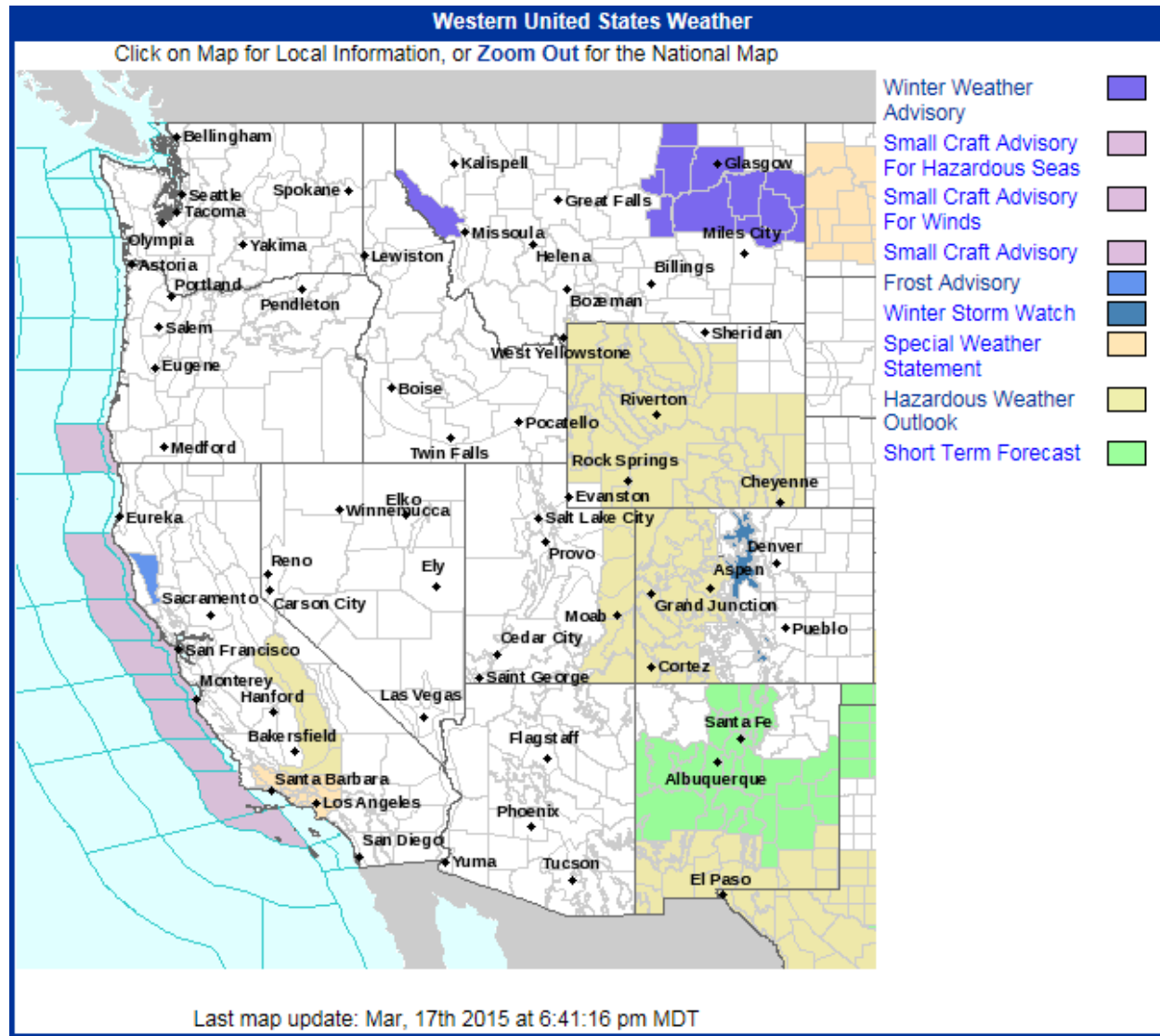
### **NORTHERN CALIFORNIA**

The frontal system of Sunday night to early this morning generally produced .20 to .80 inches of rain in the northwestern third of Northern California, though the Mid Coast to Mendocino Predictive Service Area stayed below wetting rain totals. The southeast half of Northern California had lighter and more scattered precipitation, with some areas getting just a trace or being totally missed. High pressure aloft will gradually strengthen this afternoon into Thursday, before weakening slightly while shifting a little east of Northern California on Friday. This will bring about increased sunshine, and warming and drying to nearly all areas over the next 2-3 days. Winds by this afternoon will fall mainly within a southwest to northwest 5-13 mph range in the western and eastern thirds of the area, but be lighter and variable in the Sacramento Valley. Tonight and Wednesday morning we see a transition to post-trough northwest to north-northeast breezes, which will for most of our typical 'foehn winds' areas hit maximum strength Wednesday night or Thursday morning. Winds then shift back to south to southwest Thursday night and Friday, ahead of the next weak Pacific weather system.

### **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

A weak area of low pressure forming off of Point Conception will bring cooling to the region through Thursday. Maximum temperatures will be 10 to 15 degrees above normal today, with upper 50s and 60s in the mountains and mid-70s to mid-80s in the valleys. This low pressure area will also bring scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms to the Sierra this afternoon through Wednesday evening. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms will occur across Southern California Wednesday afternoon through Thursday evening. Most locations will receive less than a quarter inch of rainfall, but up to an inch of rainfall may occur in any thunderstorm. Weak high pressure will move into California from the Pacific bringing a slow warming and drying trend to the region Friday through this weekend.

# STATE WEATHER MAP



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# **FIRE ACTIVITY**



## **Preparedness Levels**

### **National Preparedness Level 1**

#### **Northern California**

Preparedness Level 1, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 1

#### **Southern California**

Preparedness Level 2, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 2

## **California Fire Potential & Weather Maps**

### **Southern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential**

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/8>

### **Northern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential**

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/10>

### **California Fire Weather Map Watches and Warnings**

<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/firewx/main.php>

### **NWS California River Forecast Center:**

<http://www.cnrfc.noaa.gov/>



# **RECOVERY ACTIVITIES**

## **Round Fire, Inyo and Mono Counties**

- On 3/11/15, the U.S. Small Business Administration approved a disaster declaration for the primary county of Mono and contiguous counties of Alpine, Fresno, Inyo, Madera, and Tuolumne. IA staff distributed notification letters.
- Recovery Debris Management Coordinator deployed to Mono County for debris management group meeting and site walk-through.

# CAL OES 2014 DROUGHT

## Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

- The SOC, Inland, Coastal, and Southern REOCs and the Santa Barbara County EOC are activated in support of the Drought State of Emergency and continue to monitor the situation.
- The Governor issued an Executive Order on 09/19/14, to streamline relief efforts for families with drinking water shortages due to drought. Specifically, through the California Disaster Assistance Act, to provide temporary water supplies to households without water for drinking and/or sanitation purposes.
- CDAA 2014 Drought Fact Sheet and Frequently Asked Questions provided to Regions for reference and distribution.
- Cal OES Recovery continues to coordinate a monthly state interagency conference call regarding drought community impacts.
- Cal OES Regional (Inland, Coastal, Southern) conference calls continue to occur once a month.
- Cal OES Region/Recovery Call frequencies will change on and as needed basis.





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